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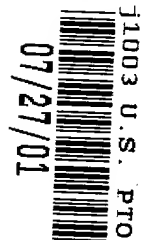
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Title: OPTICAL THRESHOLD AND COMPARISON DEVICES AND METHODS
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 25 pages, including 2 independent claims and 21 claims total.
2. Drawings - 4 sheets of formal drawings containing 9 figures.
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Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$80	
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 00306465.6, filed on July 28, 2000, and US Provisional Patent Application No. 60/223,477, filed on August 7, 2000, respectively.

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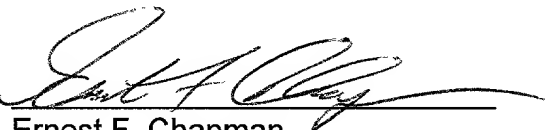
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